

Examples of Questions Asked

- Should the Act be more specific about what triggers the disciplinary process?
- Is the process for dealing with complaints sufficiently accessible to the public? Is the time between making a complaint and resolution too long?
- Are the provisions that require health institutions to report professional misconduct or incompetence adequate for the protection of the public from harm?
- Is the information available from the Colleges on individual health professionals sufficient to protect the public from harm?
- Should the Act specify how Colleges are to ensure that professions provide high quality care?
- Who should have the majority on College governing bodies—professionals or the public?

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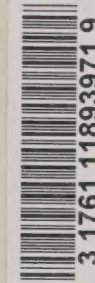
Cet dépliant et le document "Question d'équilibre" sont également disponible en français

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Regulating Ontario's Health Care Professions:

Is the Regulatory System Working?



We'd like to hear from
you!

A call for public input into a
review of the Regulated
Health Professions Act

The Review

Are Ontario's health professions being regulated in a way that:

- protects the public from harm?
- promotes quality care?
- holds professions accountable to the public?
- makes an efficient use of resources?
- is flexible enough to accommodate changing consumer and professional needs?
- is fair to patients/clients and professionals?

The Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (Advisory Council) is conducting a review of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* (RHPA) at the request of the Minister of Health.

The Advisory Council will determine whether the Act has provided a regulatory system that is effective, efficient, flexible and fair, and whether these components are appropriately balanced in relation to each other. Ultimately, the Advisory Council will provide recommendations to the Minister of Health for improving the system.

Who Can Participate

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Input is invited from those who regulate, provide and receive health care services in Ontario, including:

- individual patients/clients
- advocacy groups
- health professionals
- health administrators
- academic institutions
- associations of regulated and unregulated health professions
- regulatory Colleges
- members of the general public

The Legislation

The *Regulated Health Professions Act*, which came into force on December 31, 1993, provides a common framework for the self-regulation of those who work in Ontario's 23 regulated health professions. There is, in addition, a series of profession-specific acts that specify such things as the scope of practice and authorized acts of each profession.

The Advisory Council

The Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council was created under the *Regulated Health Professions Act* to advise the Ontario Minister of Health on the regulation of health professions, in the public interest.

Providing Input

The RHPA is a complicated piece of legislation with many components. In order to assist those wanting to provide input into the review, the Advisory Council has developed a document called "Weighing the Balance". This publication is meant to provide you with a general understanding of the RHPA's provisions concerning protection from harm, quality of care, accountability, efficiency, flexibility and fairness. Key questions concerning the effectiveness and impact of these provisions are listed in each section.

We prefer that you provide input by making written submissions based on questions in "Weighing the Balance". Alternatively, however, you may just write to us about your personal views or experiences.

Input must be provided by December 31, 1999. (Note, this is a change from the original submission date of October 29, 1999.)

To obtain a copy of "Weighing the Balance" you can call or email us, or download a copy from our web site. A copy is also available at your local library.

